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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Modalities for the Intergovernmental Conference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/72/L.9

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of draft resolution A/72/L.9 the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to provide appropriate support from all relevant parts of the Secretariat, and in cooperation with other relevant parts of the United Nations system, in particular the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to the work of the conference and to facilitate inter-agency cooperation to that end, as well as to ensure the efficient use of resources, so that the objectives of the conference can be achieved;

(b) Decide that the intergovernmental conference, entitled "Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration", shall be held in Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018;

(c) Reaffirm its decision that the conference:

(i) Shall be held at the highest possible political level, including Heads of State or Government;

(ii) Shall result in the adoption of an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome, entitled "Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular

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Migration", the scope of which is defined in annex II to its resolution 71/1, the negotiations for which shall be concluded by July 2018, in accordance with resolution 71/280, and that the outcome shall be transmitted by the President of the General Assembly, during its seventy-second session, to the conference for adoption;

(iii) Shall also result in summaries of the plenary meetings and other deliberations of the conference, to be included in the report of the conference;

(iv) Shall apply the modalities for participation as stated in its resolution 71/280;

(d) Recommend the provisional rules of procedure, set forth in the annex to the draft resolution, for adoption at the conference;

(e) Decide that the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration shall be adopted at the opening plenary meeting of the conference, on Monday, 10 December 2018;

(f) Decide that the conference shall be organized in accordance with the arrangements set forth in the note by the Secretary-General (A/72/271), taking into account paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 of the resolution;

(g) Decide that statements made at the opening plenary meeting, on 10 December, and at the closing plenary, on 11 December, will be delivered as proposed in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the note by the Secretary-General;

(h) Decide that the conference shall comprise eight consecutive plenary meetings and two dialogues, to be held on 10 and 11 December;

(i) Decide that four running plenary meetings shall be held each day, as follows:

(i) Monday, 10 December: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1 to 3 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.;

(ii) Tuesday, 11 December: from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 1 to 3 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m.;

(j) Decide that two dialogues shall be held in parallel with the plenary meetings, except during the opening and closing plenary meetings, as follows:

(i) Monday, 10 December: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(ii) Tuesday, 11 December: from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;

(k) Decide that the dialogues, building upon the adoption of the Global Compact, shall have the purpose of exemplifying ways and means to support the implementation of the Global Compact and be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature:

(i) Dialogue 1: "Promoting action on the commitments of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration";

(ii) Dialogue 2: "Partnerships and innovative initiatives for the way forward";

(l) Decide that the dialogues will consist of introductory remarks by the co-chairs, a keynote address, interventions from participating States and at least three interventions from stakeholders, giving due regard to gender balance as well as the situations in countries of origin, transit and destination, and request the Secretary-General to organize the keynote speakers and stakeholders who will participate.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

2. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 24, Public information, of the biennial programme plans and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1).

3. They also relate to section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 1), A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 28), respectively).

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. With regard to implementation of operative paragraphs 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of draft resolution A/72/L.9, as well as the annex thereto, the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration would coordinate and organize a two-day conference to be held in Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018, which would consist of eight consecutive plenary meetings and two dialogues, at the highest possible political level, including Heads of State or Government, with the support of all relevant parts of the United Nations system, in particular IOM. The outcome of the conference would be the adoption of an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome entitled "Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration".

5. The Office of the Special Representative would prepare the report of the conference, which would include summaries of the plenary meetings and other deliberations. Other entities with significant mandates and expertise related to migration, such as IOM, would contribute to the drafting of the report.

6. The two interactive and multi-stakeholder dialogues are intended to exemplify ways and means to support the implementation of the Global Compact. The dialogues would give stakeholders the opportunity to discuss a range of complex issues that have an impact on migration, including the promotion and protection of the human rights of all migrants, the contributions of migrants to sustainable development, shared responsibilities and opportunities, cooperation on data collection and analysis and governance. As such, the dialogues would require the Office of the Special Representative to organize and invite keynote speakers and stakeholders, including from civil society, academia, the private sector, migrant organizations, parliaments and national human rights institutions, to participate.

7. The Office of the Special Representative would require one general temporary assistance position for an Administrative Assistant (General Service (Other level)) for 12 months in 2018 to support the preparatory work leading up to the conference. The Administrative Assistant would support the Office in its role of coordinating relevant components of the Secretariat and the broader United Nations system during the preparatory process and in the organization of the conference. The Administrative Assistant would liaise with departments and other relevant United Nations agencies on logistical and other arrangements required for the organization of the conference, including travel of staff and participants. Additional resource

requirements related to the general temporary assistance position include those for communications, supplies and information technology services, in line with the standard common services for New York ($83,500).

8. Pursuant to the requests contained in operative paragraphs 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the draft resolution and in the annex thereto, it is envisaged that the conference will be held in Morocco on 10 and 11 December 2018 and will comprise the following meetings: (a) eight consecutive plenary meetings; (b) two dialogues (four meetings); and (c) four main committee meetings. The aforementioned 16 meetings (8 meetings each day) would require interpretation in all six official languages and would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements in 2018 for meetings services in the amount of $96,000. Furthermore, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the Department's workload of six pre-session documents (total of 53,600 words), four in-session documents (total of 31,800 words) and one post-session document (45,000 words) to be issued in all six official languages in 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of $422,800 in 2018.

9. On the basis of experience with conferences of a similar nature, requirements have been included for strategic communications, public information and outreach aimed at achieving the objectives of the conference. Communicating the proceedings of the eight plenary meetings and the two dialogues will raise awareness among Member States and other stakeholders, including civil society, and will promote the Global Compact. To that effect, the Department of Public Information would be responsible for covering the meetings of and issuing press releases on the conference in English and French, webcasting the proceedings, providing website content, branded promotional products and public information materials in the six official languages, providing television footage for news broadcasts, conducting outreach to the media and carrying out media accreditation and liaison ($66,200).

IV. Financial implications of the proposals

10. To implement the requests contained in paragraphs 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of the draft resolution and the annex thereto, additional one-time requirements in the amount of $668,500 would arise under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 28, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The details of these additional requirements are provided in the table below.

Resource requirements for 2018

(United States dollars)

Section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	
General temporary assistance staff (1 General Service (Other level)) for 12 months	81 200
Contractual services	1 600
General operating expenses	700
Subtotal	**83 500**

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Simultaneous interpretation	96 000
Pre-session documentation	175 000
In-session documentation	104 100
Post-session documentation	143 700
Subtotal	**518 800**
Section 28, Public information	
Other staff costs	40 100
Contractual services	26 100
Subtotal	**66 200**
Total	**668 500**

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

11. No provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 of the draft resolution and the annex thereto. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the proposed programme budget that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that one-time requirements in the amount of $668,500 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VI. Contingency fund

12. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

13. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/72/L.9, additional resource requirements in the amount of $668,500 for 2018–2019, comprising $83,500 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, $518,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $66,200 under section 28, Public information, would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. An additional appropriation of $668,500 for the biennium 2018–2019 would be required, to be approved by the General Assembly, and as such would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

14. **The additional resource requirements in the amount of $668,500 described above relate to holding the conference in New York. It should be noted, however, that pursuant to operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, if it is decided to hold the conference in Morocco, the Government of Morocco would need to defray the additional costs in accordance with paragraph 5 of General**

Assembly resolution 40/243, which stipulates that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.